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WE *KNEW*
YOU'D COME,
MANHUNTER...
SOONER OR
LATER.



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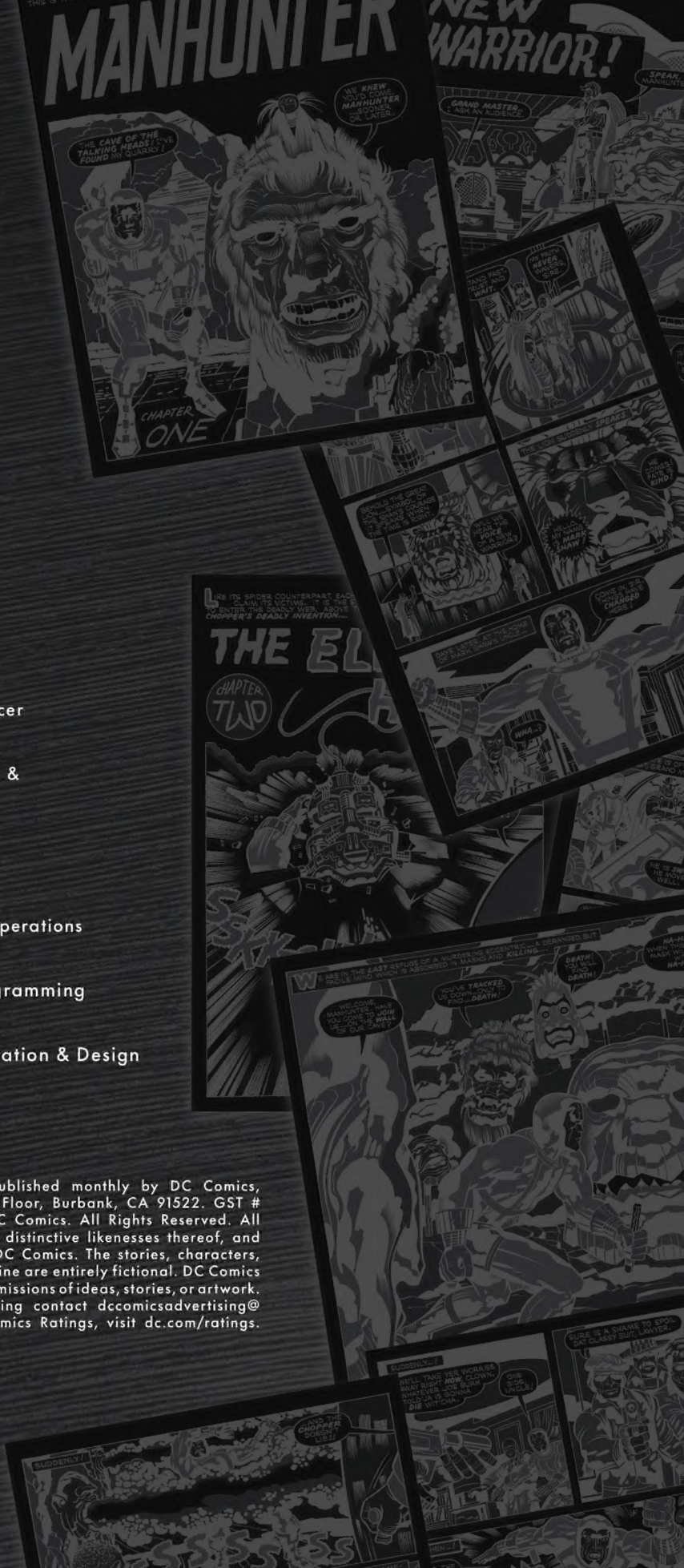
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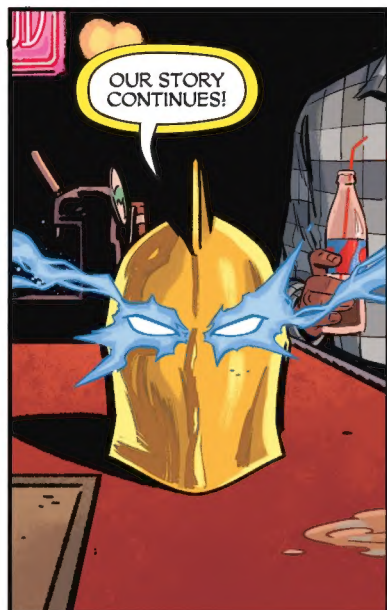
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OUR STORY CONTINUES!

THE SON OF DRAGONS FLOATED OVER THE GRAVE OF A KIND LAD.

YOU WILL REMEMBER, AS TASKED BY HIS GREAT AND NOBLE FATHER, HE REQUIRED THE LAD'S BODY TO SAVE THE KINGDOM.



MOVE OR BE MOVED.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR HEROIC PRINCES REQUIRED THE SAME OBJECT TO SAVE THEIR SOULS.

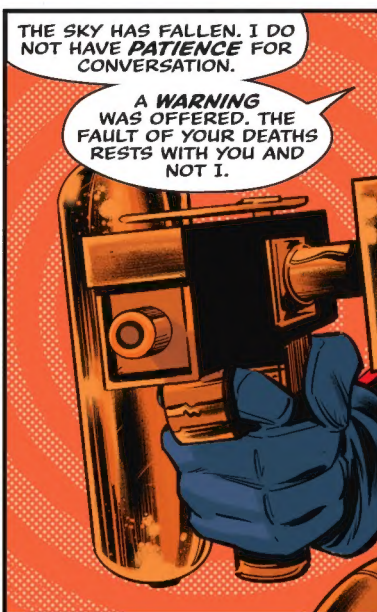


I DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE MET, KIND SIR.

I AM **WARLORD**, THE SWORD OF SHAMBALLAH.



MY COMPANION THIS DAY IS **STARMAN**, A SOLDIER OF THE SUNS.



THE SKY HAS FALLEN. I DO NOT HAVE **PATIENCE** FOR CONVERSATION.

A **WARNING** WAS OFFERED. THE FAULT OF YOUR DEATHS RESTS WITH YOU AND NOT I.



AND YOU'RE **ORION**, RIGHT?

OF THE **FOURTH WORLD**?

I HAVE SPENT TIME WITH MANY OF YOUR **FRIENDS** HERE ON EARTH. **SUPERMAN**, **BATMAN**. THEY SPEAK **HIGHLY** OF YOU.



PERHAPS RATHER THAN FIGHT, WE COULD DISCUSS OUR CURRENT MISUNDERSTANDING.

I DO BELIEVE WE ARE **ALL** ON THE SAME SIDE. IN THE END.



GOODBYE.

IZOOM!



KRAVVI!

NO!



WHAT
MANIA IS
THIS?!

CAN YOU NOT
COMPREHEND
WHAT YOU ARE
INTERRUPTING?!

I WILL
HAVE WHAT
IS MINE!

BOOM!



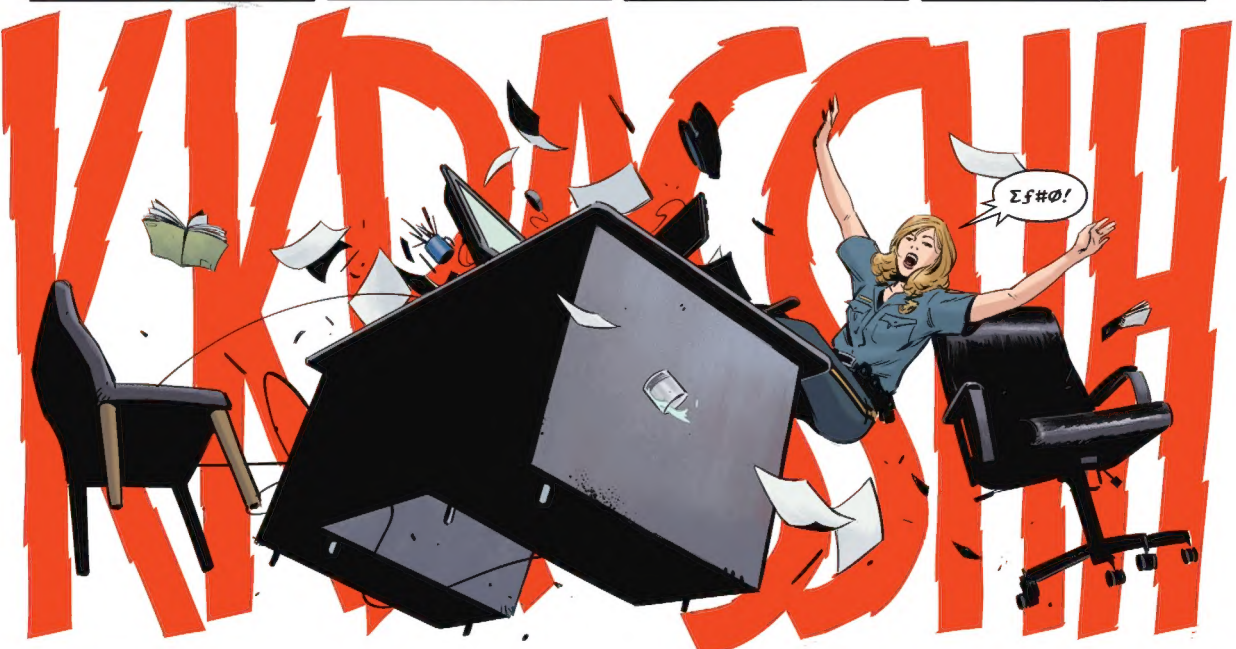
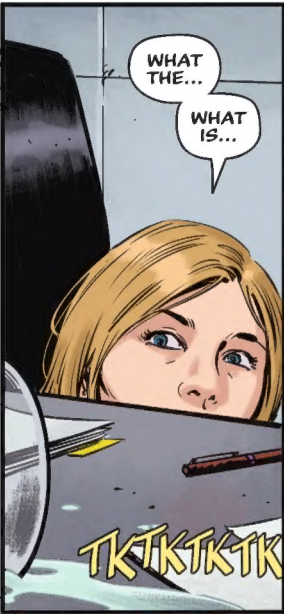
DO YOU
THINK I GIVE
A DAMN WHAT
IS YOURS?!

THE
BOY IS
DEAD!



AND I
WILL SAVE
HIM!

CRACKKASHH



BUT A FEW STONE THROWS AWAY, CALLED BY THE NOISE OF BATTLE, ONE OF OUR CRAFTY LADS CLIMBED A LADDER TO THE TOP OF A LOCAL CASTLE.

KRUNCH!
HURRY THE
@\$\$#0€ UP! YOU
GOT TO
SEE IT!

WHAT
THE @\$\$#0€ IS
WRONG WITH
YOU?!

31
STEPS...

38 STEPS...

DON'T BE
MAD. KRUNCH WOULD
MISS THE END OF THE
WORLD IF THERE WERE
GRAPES IN THE OTHER
DIRECTION.

THERE WERE
38 STEPS ON THE
LADDER.

YOU GOT
TO LOOK OVER
HERE! THAT'S HIM,
I'M TELLING
YOU!

MAN, *NON-FAT*, YOU DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT I *THINK* YOU KNOW,
AND WHAT I THINK YOU KNOW IS
LESS THAN *YOU'D* THINK.

DUDE, HE'S
HERE, AND NOW
THIS HAPPENS!
C'MON.

IT'S NOT
EINSTEIN
OR SOME @0€%!
LOOK AT THE
91#0€%.

I COUNTED.
BUT MAYBE I
MISSED SOME.

DID YOU SAY
SOMETHING ABOUT
GRAPES?

WELL,
WHAT THE
@#€0% DO WE
DO NOW?



MAN, WHAT
ELSE?

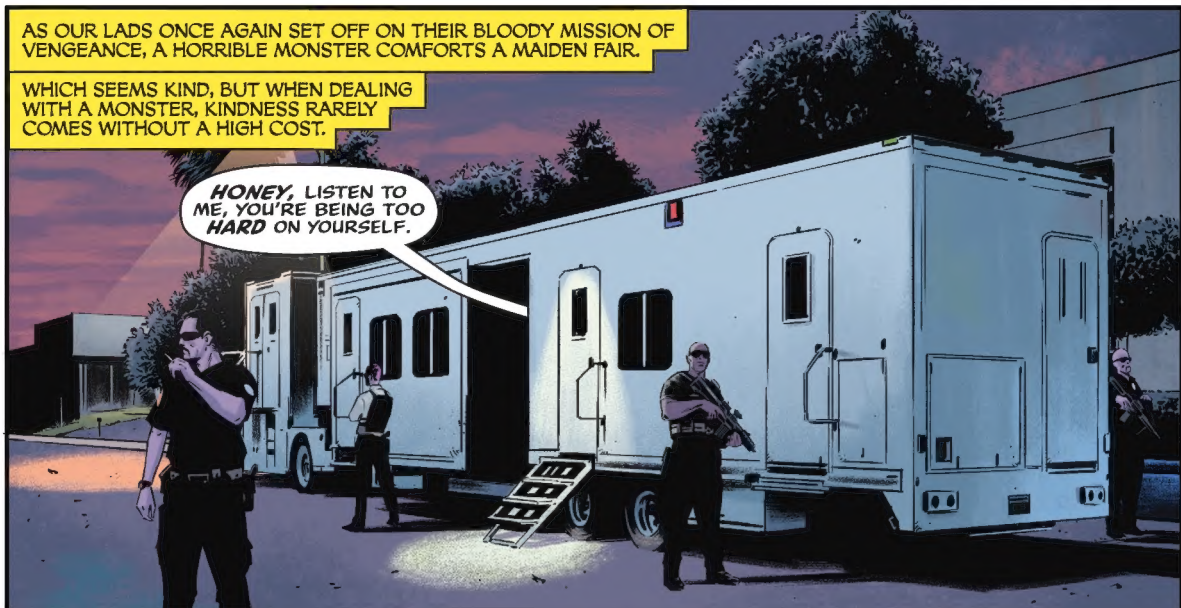
GOOD LOOKS
IS STILL DEAD. WE
GOT TO RECTIFY
THAT.

SO WE
GO DOWN
THERE, AND
WE KILL A
#&Ω≈%.

AS OUR LADS ONCE AGAIN SET OFF ON THEIR BLOODY MISSION OF VENGEANCE, A HORRIBLE MONSTER COMFORTS A MAIDEN FAIR.

WHICH SEEMS KIND, BUT WHEN DEALING WITH A MONSTER, KINDNESS RARELY COMES WITHOUT A HIGH COST.

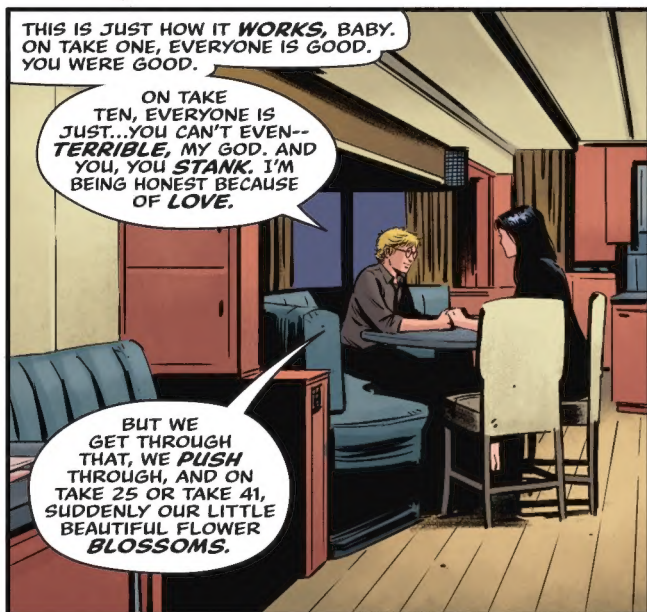
HONEY, LISTEN TO ME, YOU'RE BEING TOO HARD ON YOURSELF.



THIS IS JUST HOW IT *WORKS*, BABY. ON TAKE ONE, EVERYONE IS GOOD. YOU WERE GOOD.

ON TAKE TEN, EVERYONE IS JUST...YOU CAN'T EVEN-- *TERRIBLE*, MY GOD. AND YOU, YOU *STANK*. I'M BEING HONEST BECAUSE OF *LOVE*.

BUT WE GET THROUGH THAT, WE *PUSH* THROUGH, AND ON TAKE 25 OR TAKE 41, SUDDENLY OUR LITTLE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER BLOSSOMS.



YOU, MY DEAR...

YOU BLOOM.

KNOCK KNOCK



KNOCK KNOCK

NOT NOW, JULIE! I'M #Y@C\$ PREOCCUPIED!



KNOCK KNOCK

SORRY, THAT WAS--



KNOCK KNOCK

OH, GODDAMMIT, JULIE!



MINUTES LATER, THE
MONSTER CAME TO THE
LIP OF HIS DANK CAVE
AND FOUND OUTSIDE TO
HIS GREAT SURPRISE...

JESUS
#f@I\$#@
CHRIST, WHAT
THE #f@Σ
IS--

...OUR GOOD AND NOBLE KNIGHT
STANDING AT THE READY, COLD
STEEL IN HIS HAND.

OH.
@%o.f.



OH GOD,
PLEASE DON'T...I'VE
BEEN SO GOOD...
PLEASE...

I DON'T
DESERVE
IT...



THERE'S GOT
TO BE...I CAN DO
THINGS FOR YOU,
MAN. BIG THINGS.
HUGE @\$\$E,
MAN!

NOT JUST
MONEY LIKE THE
REST OF THEM. I MEAN,
I'VE GOT MONEY IF YOU
WANT MONEY. I COULD BUY
AND SELL WHATEVER
YOU WANT!

BUT DUDE,
I GOT SOMETHING
MORE!



YOU KNOW
WHAT'S MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
**MONEY?! I MEAN, WHAT
DO YOU HAVE MONEY
FOR? THAT'S WHAT
EVERYONE ASKS!**

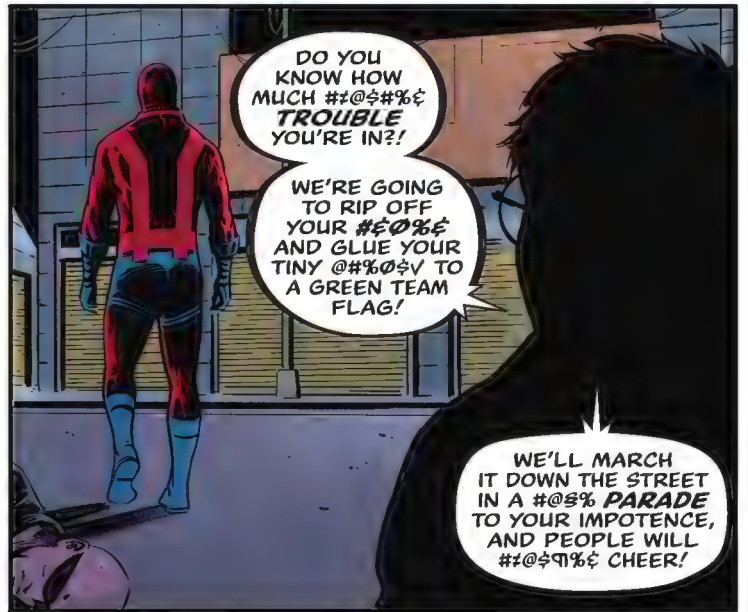
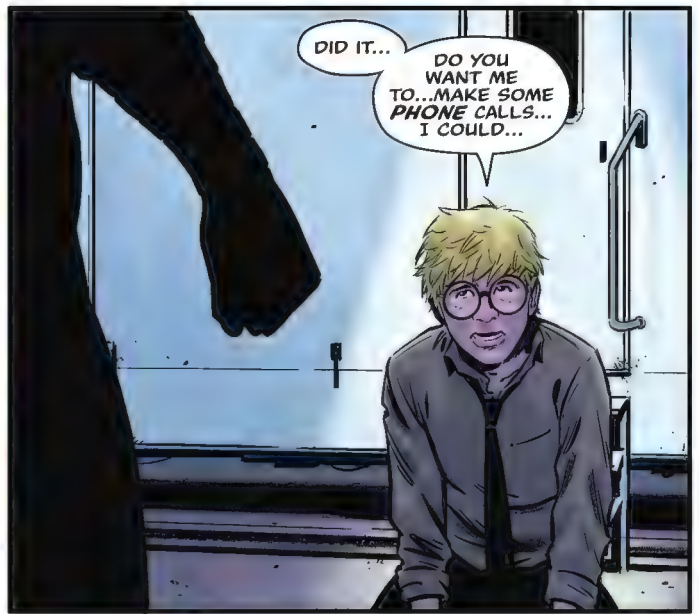
MONEY IS
A **NUMBER** AND
MAYBE YOU WANT THAT,
MAYBE YOU DON'T, BUT
EVERYONE WANTS MONEY
FOR WHAT IT CAN **GIVE**
YOU, Y'KNOW!

AND
I'VE GOT
THAT!



C'MON,
BROTHER, I'M THE
STARMAKER.

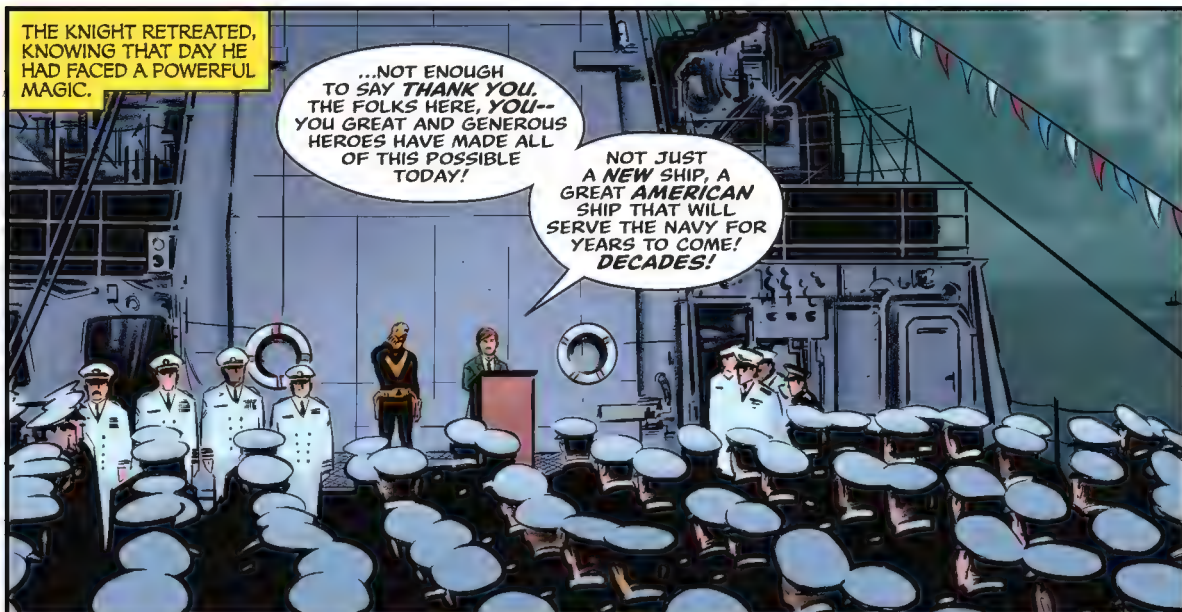
DON'T
YOU WANT TO BE
FAMOUS?



THE KNIGHT RETREATED, KNOWING THAT DAY HE HAD FACED A POWERFUL MAGIC.

...NOT ENOUGH TO SAY **THANK YOU**, THE FOLKS HERE, **YOU--** YOU GREAT AND GENEROUS HEROES HAVE MADE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE TODAY!

NOT JUST A **NEW SHIP**, A GREAT **AMERICAN** SHIP THAT WILL SERVE THE NAVY FOR YEARS TO COME! **DECADES!**



BUT A NEW **FLEET!** A FLEET MADE FOR THE **NEXT WAR!** NOT THE LAST!



A SPELL IN FACT CAST BY ANOTHER KNIGHT WITH QUITE DIFFERENT LOYALTIES.



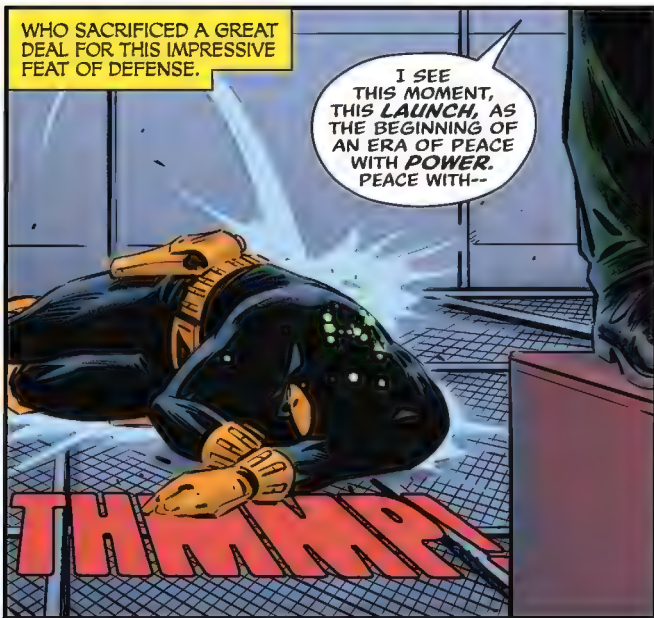
THERE **ARE** THOSE OUT THERE WHO BELIEVE THAT PEACE LEADS TO PEACE. THAT BECAUSE WE ARE SAFE **NOW**, WE WILL BE SAFE **FOREVER!**

THOSE ARE THE **FOOLS** WHO CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY REASON WE CURRENTLY HAVE PEACE IS BECAUSE WE **EXPECT** WAR!

PEACE IS NOT **GIVEN**. IT IS **EARNED**. IT IS IN THE **METAL** IN THESE BOATS AND THE **BLOOD** OF THE PATRIOTS THAT WILL SAIL THEM!

WHO SACRIFICED A GREAT DEAL FOR THIS IMPRESSIVE FEAT OF DEFENSE.

I SEE THIS MOMENT, THIS **LAUNCH**, AS THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF PEACE WITH **POWER**. PEACE WITH--



WHAT THE @¥%?!?



ACROSS THE KINGDOM, FAR FROM THE KNIGHTS, THE SON OF DRAGONS AND THE GOOD PRINCE CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE POWERFUL BLOWS.

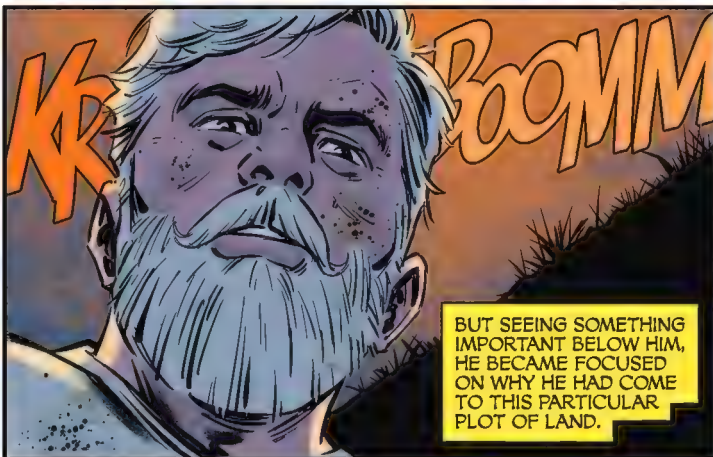
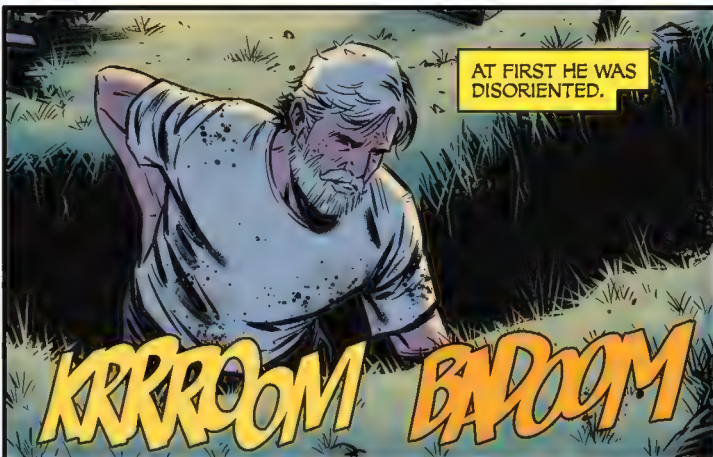


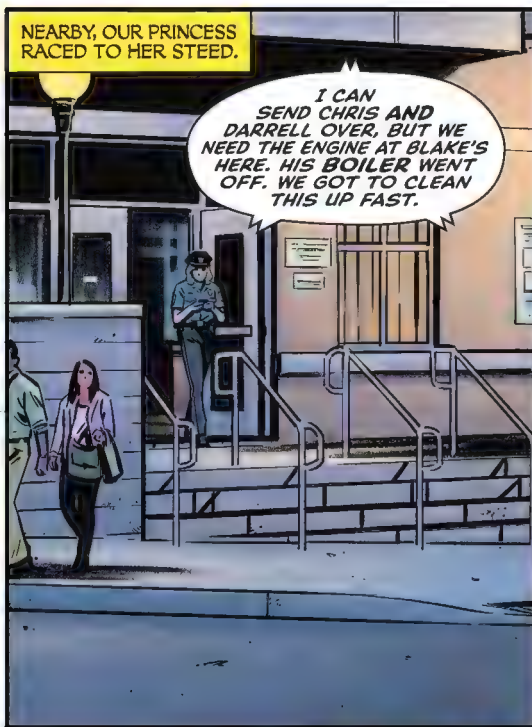
EACH BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE RIGHTEOUS.

EACH BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE STRONG.

IT WAS A BATTLE FOR POETS TO RECALL YEARS LATER WHILE CHILDREN SAT AT THEIR KNEES AND IMAGINED A THRILLING CLASH OF TITANS.







NEARBY, OUR PRINCESS
RACED TO HER STEED.

I CAN
SEND CHRIS AND
DARRELL OVER, BUT WE
NEED THE ENGINE AT BLAKE'S
HERE. HIS **BOILER** WENT
OFF. WE GOT TO CLEAN
THIS UP FAST.



SHE KNEW WELL THAT
PERNICIOUS DANGER
AWAITED HER AT
ROAD'S END.

NO, I GET IT,
FRANK. I DON'T
KNOW IF THIS IS
ANYTHING
ANYWAY.

PROBABLY JUST
THE **DINGBATS**
SETTING OFF SOME
FIRECRACKERS. OR,
KNOWING THEM,
SOMETHING EVEN
STUPIDER.



BUT DID THIS CAUSE HER ONE
MOMENT'S HESITATION?

I'LL GO
OUT THERE,
CHECK IT OUT. IF WE
NEED **FD** OR THERE'S
AN EMERGENCY OR
SOMETHING, I'LL
CALL YOU FROM
THERE.

BUT Y'KNOW,
IF IT'S JUST THE
KIDS AND I **MURDER**
THEM, I PROBABLY WON'T
CALL YOU SO I CAN HIDE
THE EVIDENCE AND
ALL THAT.



I THINK NOT.

HAHAHAHA.

AND SO SHE TRAVELED
ON, TOWARD HER
FEARFUL DESTINY.

ALL RIGHT,
SOUNDS GOOD,
CHIEF.

LOOK
FORWARD TO
NOT TESTIFYING
AT YOUR
TRIAL.



AND FAR AWAY FROM THESE SCENES OF VIOLENCE AND HURRY, OUR BELEAGUERED OGRE PREPARED FOR HIS EVENING.

WAIT, WAIT, WHO IS *THIS*? THE, UH, THIRD THING.

THIS IS **RAFAEL SAIZ**. HE'S FROM ITALY.

THEY'VE HAD SOME **OUTSIDER** PROBLEMS OR SIGHTINGS. HE'S A FORMER MEMBER OF THEIR INTEL ORGANIZATION.

COOL GUY. REALLY LOOKS THE PART.

IT'S JUST A QUICK IN-AND-OUT HIT, SUPER QUICK, MAYBE **FIVE** QUESTIONS ON THE **OUTSIDERS'** INTERNATIONAL REACH.

THEY'RE IN **EUROPE** NOW?

CAN I GET A BRIEF ON THIS OR SOMETHING?

THERE'S **ALREADY** ONE PREPPED IN YOUR INBOX. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THAT.

I CAN GET **GIL** TO GIVE IT TO YOU QUICK, IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY.

GIL HAS A WHOLE **POWERPOINT**, BUT I THINK IF YOU STICK TO THE QUESTIONS, IT'LL BE FINE. YOU CAN **CHANNEL** THE AUDIENCE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING. **THEY** DON'T. SO YOU'RE THEM. I'M SORRY, I KNOW, I'M PREACHING TO THE **HEAD** OF THE CHOIR.

ROOFTOP NOW!



YEAH, UHM, THAT'S GREAT... WITH GIL... UHM.

I'LL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR A **SECOND**. I'M GOING TO LIGHT THIS ONE UP ON THE ROOF. SEEMS LIKE A **NICE** DAY. DON'T WANT TO MISS IT.





BACK IN THE GRAVE, THE PRINCE'S THOUGHTS WANDER AS HE CONTEMPLATES THE ASTOUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED HIM TO THIS UNCUSTOMARY FATE.

NO, TARA,
I AM FINE. I
LOVE YOU. I LOVE
SKARTARIS.

I'LL BE
HAPPY HERE
FOREVER.

ZOOM! KRAKK ROOM! WAM! B

I MEAN,
DON'T GET ME
WRONG, THIS
IS GREAT.

FIGHTING
THE HORDES
AND THE MAGIC
WITCHES AND
ALL OF THAT.

IT'S
GREAT.

BLAMM! T ZOOM! BOOMM! KR

BEING THE
BARE-CHESTED GUY
WITH THE SWORD AND THE
QUESTS--THAT SHOULD
BE ENOUGH. IT *IS*
ENOUGH.

MARRIED TO
A PRINCESS--TO
YOU. IT'S ENOUGH.
BUT IT...


"DO I HAVE OTHER
DREAMS? SURE.
WHAT MAN MY AGE
DOESN'T?"

"BUT YEAH, OKAY,
SOMETIMES..."

"SOMETIMES
I SEE MYSELF
AS...I DON'T
KNOW."

"YEAH. IT'S
JUST..."





"BUT THAT'S
JUST AN OLD
MAN'S DREAM.

"WHAT AM I
GOING TO DO--
LEAVE YOU HERE,
GO OUT THERE?"

KRAKKABOOM!!!

I COME
FROM THERE.
IT'S NOT WORTH IT.
EVERYTHING YOU TRY
OUT THERE, IT COMES
TO NOTHING.

I LOVE
YOU. I LOVE
SKARTARIS.

"I'M FINE.

WAAAAAMMMKKK

TZOWTZOWTZOWTZOW

BUT.

I MEAN,
IF YOU DIDN'T
MIND BEING ON
YOUR OWN.
NOT FOR
LONG.

AT MY
AGE, I MEAN,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THIS COULD BE
MY LAST
CHANCE.

SMMAAAASSSHHHH!!

"MAYBE I
SHOULD GIVE
IT A SHOT."



UNLIKE THE PRINCE,
OUR LADS DID NOT
DWELL ON THE PAST.

THIS IS A
SHORTCUT.
WE'LL GET OUT
THERE TWICE
AS FAST!

NOW GET
THAT BAG IN THE
BACK THERE--THE
PAPER ONE!

WE'LL
NEED THAT
£#9%!



THEY LIVED INSTEAD IN EACH
MOMENT, EMBRACING THE
TIME THEY'D BEEN GIVEN.

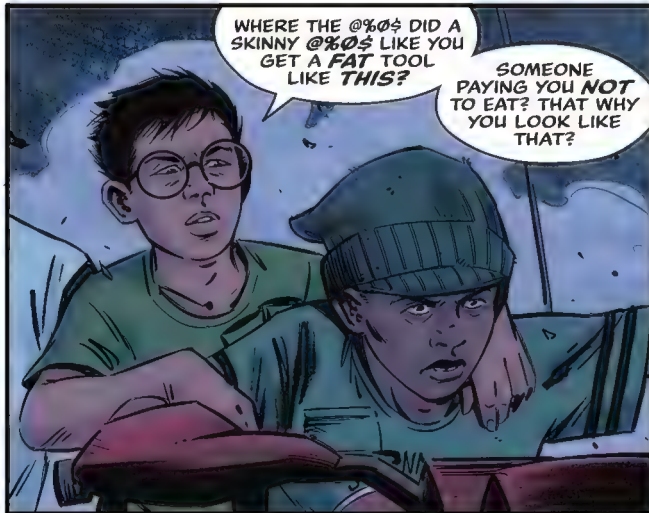
WHAT THE
#%£\$ IS THAT?
I'M SUPPOSED TO
BE THE ONE WITH
THE JOKES!



AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE LIFE THEY
SO DESPERATELY NEEDED TO TAKE.

THAT'S
A **GUN,**
BANANAS.

YOU USE IT
TO **SHOOT**
PEOPLE, AND
THINGS, I
GUESS.

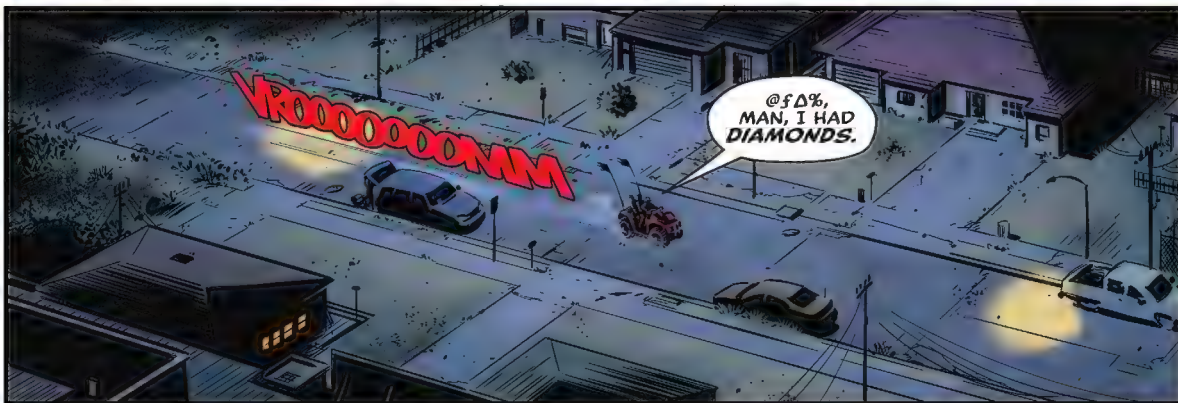


WHERE THE @%\$ DID A
SKINNY @%\$ LIKE YOU
GET A **FAT TOOL**
LIKE **THIS?**

SOMEONE
PAYING YOU **NOT**
TO EAT? THAT WHY
YOU LOOK LIKE
THAT?



I TOLD
YOU, I HAD
MONEY.



@£\$%,
MAN, I HAD
DIAMONDS.

MEANWHILE, ALONG THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE KINGDOM, A MONSTER SOUGHT A GOOD KNIGHT'S COUNSEL ON RECENT, DISTURBING EVENTS.

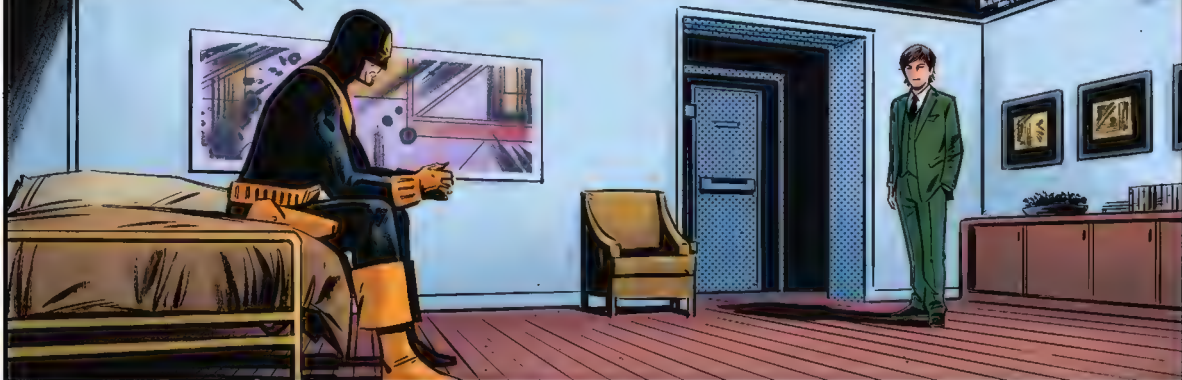
GREEN TEAM LINER

AREN'T MANHUNTERS, LIKE, IN SPACE?

THEY'RE A RELIGIOUS SECT THAT HAS BEEN OPERATING HERE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

THEY ORIGINATE FROM SOME MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE TRUE ALIEN MANHUNTERS WHO VISITED EARTH A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

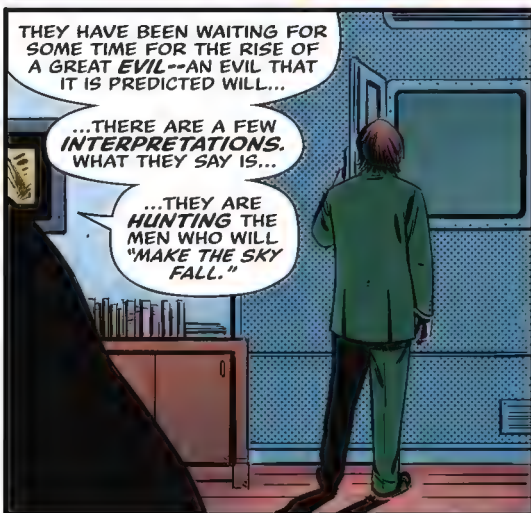
THEY THINK THEY WERE GIVEN SOME MISSION BACK THEN. IT'S A CULT DEDICATED TO THAT LIE.



THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SOME TIME FOR THE RISE OF A GREAT EVIL--AN EVIL THAT IT IS PREDICTED WILL...

...THERE ARE A FEW INTERPRETATIONS. WHAT THEY SAY IS...

...THEY ARE HUNTING THE MEN WHO WILL "MAKE THE SKY FALL."



SO LITERALLY A BUNCH OF CHICKEN LITTLES.

DID SOMEBODY TELL THEM THAT SKIES DON'T FALL? LIFE ISN'T A KIDS' FAIRY TALE YOU READ IN A BOOK.

MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW, GROW THE UP?

WHAT THIS "MANHUNTER" BELIEVES IS RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT.

WHAT IS WORTH NOTING IS, HE IS IMMENSELY SKILLED AND HE IS DETERMINED TO KILL YOU AND ABDUL AND CECIL.

TO SUCCEED AS HE DID WITH HOUSTON.



AND THE BIG TOUGH GUY WE PAID SO MUCH MONEY TO GET JUST FAINTED DEFENDING US?!

WHY IS EVERYTHING IN LIFE SO HARD? I'M JUST A CHILD, I CAN'T GET A BREAK!



IT IS DIFFICULT WHEN THERE IS **DISTANCE**.

I AM WORKING--



YOU MAKE A LOT, RIGHT?

THE **GREEN TEAM** PAYS YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE WHO DOES THESE-- WHO DOES WHAT YOU DO.

BUT I'D GUESS...I MEAN, THERE'S **ALWAYS** MORE? DON'T YOU WANT A TASTE OF MORE?



I AM WELL COMPENSATED.

HOWEVER.

THERE IS... ROOM FOR GROWTH.



SO YOU **DO** WANT MORE. AND I HAVE A WHOLE **TON** MORE.

AND I WANT TO LIVE.



YOU SAY IT CAN BE HARD PROTECTING ALL **THREE** OF US THAT ARE LEFT...THEN MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER TO JUST PROTECT, I DON'T KNOW, **ONE** OF US.

I'M NOT A **GENIUS**. I MEAN, I AM, BUT... BUT IT **SEEMS** THAT THAT'S A SOLUTION RIGHT IN FRONT OF US. WE'RE JUST NOT **TAKING** IT.



AND REALLY, WHY **DON'T** WE TAKE IT?

LET THOSE GUYS GO--FOCUS ON, WELL, **ME**.



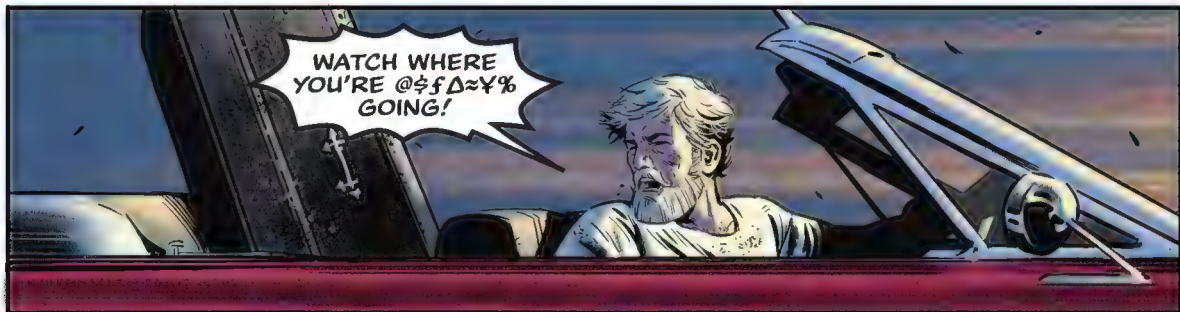
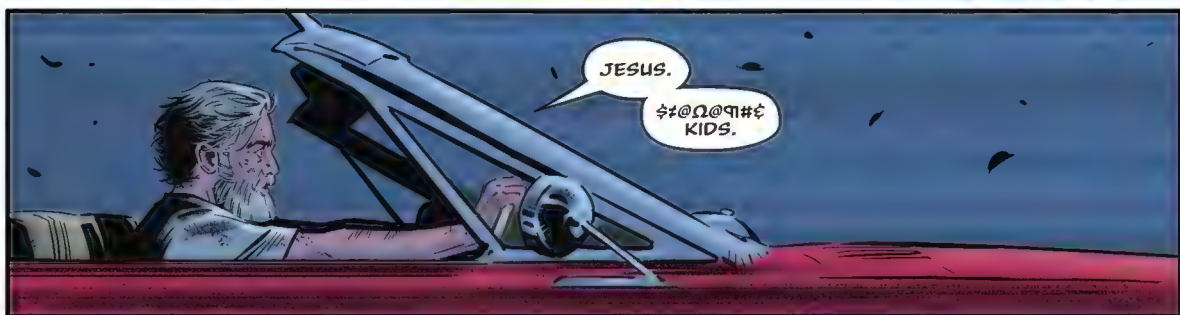
C'MON. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

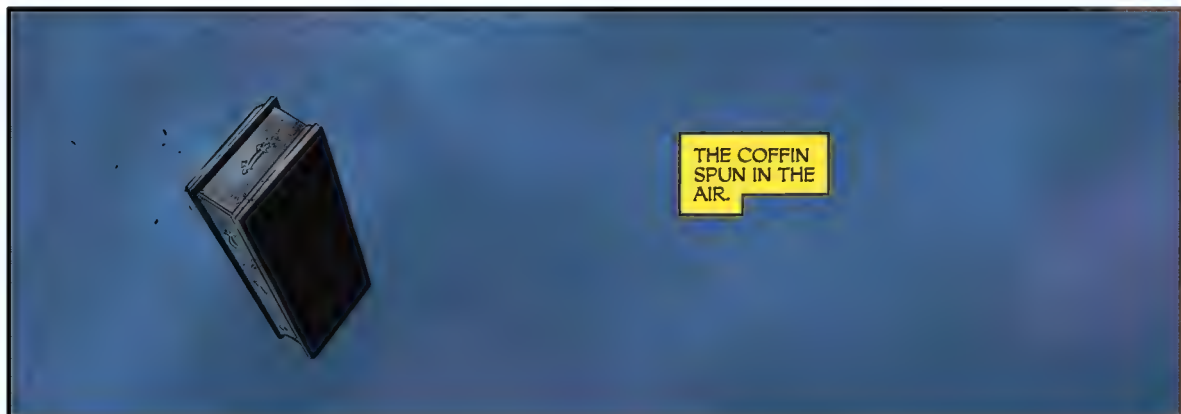
IT'S JUST A FEW DEAD **KIDS**.

IT'S NOT LIKE THE SKY'S FALLING.

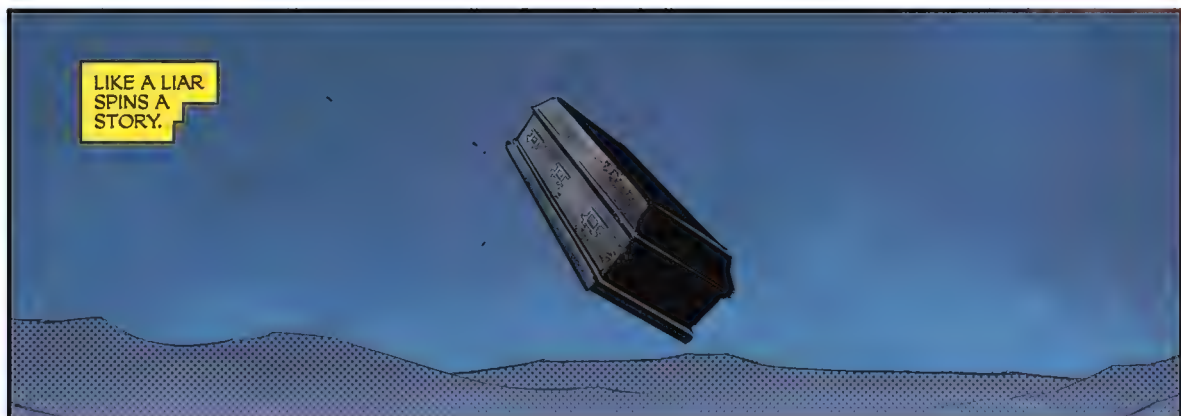
FAR FROM THAT BETRAYAL, OUR GOOD PRINCE RODE HIS STEED AS HARD AS THE ANIMAL COULD TAKE, EVEN AS HE SOUGHT TO COMPOSE A MESSAGE TO HIS COMPANION.







THE COFFIN
SPUN IN THE
AIR.



LIKE A LIAR
SPINS A
STORY.



HOW HE MIGHT
TELL YOU OF
TIMES GRAND
AND VIRTUOUS.



IN ORDER TO HIDE THE
DEATH AND DISGUST
OF ACTUAL LIFE.

NOT FAR FROM THE
DESECRATED BODY OF
THEIR DEAR AND GOOD
FRIEND, OUR YOUNG
LADS CAME UPON AN
UNEXPECTED SCENE.

HOLY
#fΩz.

YES. THIS
IS HOLY. AND
ALSO LIKELY
#fΩz.

THAT
GUY'S BLUE.

THE PRINCE AND THE SON
OF DRAGONS HAD FOUGHT
HARD AND FAIR.

HEY, KIDS...
WHERE'S...

I GOT
TO...IF YOU SEE
WARLORD...YOU
TELL HIM...

AND IN THE END,
BOTH FELL.

...I...
WON...

ALL
RIGHT,
THEN.

CHKKK

FOR
GOOD
LOOKS.

IN THE SOUTH OF THE KINGDOM, A MONSTER SLEPT AND DREAMED.



HE WOKE TO SURPRISE, BUT NOT TO FEAR.



FOR A MONSTER LEARNS QUICKLY WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES AND HOW POWERFUL ARE THEIR BLOWS.



TYPICALLY, THIS INSTINCT IS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE MONSTER.



BUT NOT ALL IS ALWAYS TYPICAL.



AND SO, AT THE END OF A LONG AND FRIGHTFUL DAY, OUR OGRE STOOD ON HIS HIND LEGS AND YELLED INTO THE WIND.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU TONIGHT ABOUT **HEROES.**
THE REAL THREAT.



"WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE SAINTLY MEN FLY ABOVE US AND SAVE US.



"BUT THIS RAISES WHAT I THINK IS A GOOD, IF AWKWARD, QUESTION.

"IF THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE--AND THAT'S WHAT THEY WILL TELL YOU THEY ARE, HONESTLY, THEY WILL SAY THAT TO YOUR FACE.

"IF THESE OH-SO-ASTONISHING PEOPLE ARE ALL OUT THERE PROTECTING US FROM ALL THE BAD THINGS IN THE WORLD...



"...IT BEGS THE QUESTION-- I MEAN, SERIOUSLY, IT **DEMANDS** THE QUESTION...

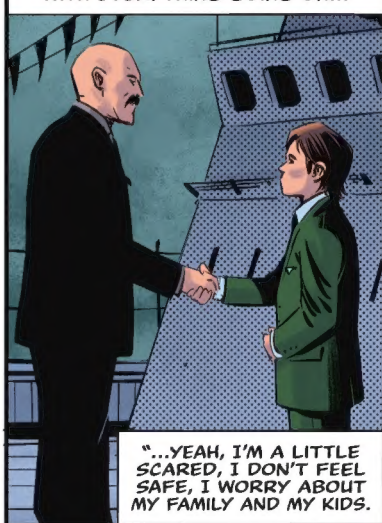
"IN THIS DAY AND AGE, WITH ALL OF THEIR EFFORT OVER ALL OF THESE YEARS...



"...DO YOU FEEL SAFE?



"AND IF THAT ANSWER IS NO, IF YOU DARE IN THE AGE OF 'SUPER-MAN' AND 'BAT-MAN' TO SAY THAT, HEY, WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON...



"...YEAH, I'M A LITTLE SCARED, I DON'T FEEL SAFE, I WORRY ABOUT MY FAMILY AND MY KIDS.

"IF YOU ADMIT THAT TRUTH...IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY THAT...



"...THEN WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY SAYING, WHAT YOU HAVE REALIZED IN THE FACE OF ALL OF THESE COSTUMED PEOPLE'S PROPAGANDA...

"THE HEROES HAVE LIED TO US. THEY HAVE LIED.



"BECAUSE THEY HAVE FAILED. AND THEY'RE MORE SCARED THAN YOU ARE.

"IN FACT, THEY'RE SCARED OF YOU."

MONSTERS FORSAKE MONSTERS AS SURELY AS BROTHERS ARE LOYAL TO BROTHERS!

BUT WILL THESE RULES FROM WHICH WE BUILD OUR STORY STAY FAST AND TRUE?!



TO BE CONTINUED!



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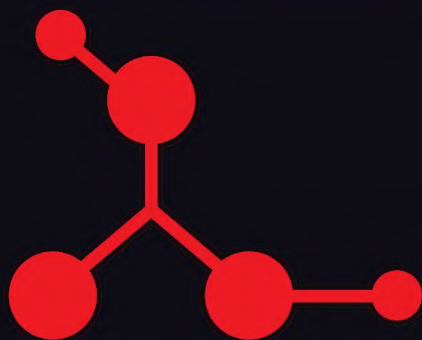
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"I GUESS I JUST WANT TO BE A
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